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Honorable John Breaux  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Senator Breaux:

This is in reply to your letter of January 4, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Richard A. Young, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

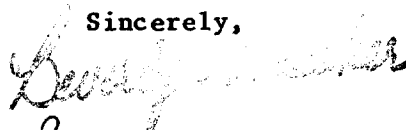
We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of users of private land mobile radio spectrum and the impact that these proposals may have on their radio systems, including the costs of required modifications.

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We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due February 26, 1993, and Reply Comments are due April 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued near the end of 1993. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,



*R* Ralph A. Haller  
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

Enclosure

cc:

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1803

January 4, 1993

Ms. Linda Townsend Sodheim  
Office of Legislative Affairs  
Federal Communications Commission, #808  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Sodheim:

I have been contacted by Richard Young with Boise Cascade in DeRidder, Louisiana. Mr. Young writes regarding his concerns about the Federal Communications Commission's plans to disregard Part 90 Rules and Regulations and establish new rules, Part 88.

Please investigate the enclosed information sent to me and provide me with a report. Your reply may be forwarded to the attention of Guy R. Mayer.

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Sincerely,

*John Breaux*  
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United States Senator

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*December 18, 1992*

*Honorable John B. Breaux  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510*

*Re: FCC Docket 92-235*

*Dear Sir:*

*The FCC has recently released plans to scrap Part 90 Rules and Regulations and create a new set of rules, Part 88, which will seriously affect the operations of Forest Industries radio systems.*

*The new proposed rules will greatly reduce the range and reliability of Boise Cascade's forest communications, the very communications we depend upon in remote locations for protection of life and property.*

*I respectfully ask you to oppose scrapping Part 90 Rules and Regulations which has served Forest Industries, as well as other communication systems, adequately through the years.*

*Sincerely,*

**BOISE CASCADE CORPORATION**

*Richard A. Young*

*Richard A. Young  
Land Administrator*

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